

REMARKS

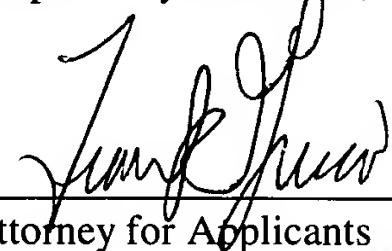
Claims 2-10, 21, 22, 27, and 30-35 are presented for examination. Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 9, 10, 21, 22, 27, and 33 have been amended to remove any dependency from Claim 1. Claims 2 and 30-32 are in independent form.

In the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance dated November 28, 2003, Claims 1-10, 21, 22, 27 and 30-35 were indicated as allowed. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of those claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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